



MARYMOUNT AFFILIATES WITH WILMINGTON COLLEGE

Private Four-Year College to Offer Upper Division Programs on the Boca Raton Campus

In October of this year, the Board of Trustees of Marymount College regretfully announced that the College could not continue to operate beyond June 1972. It seemed, at the time, the saddest day in Marymount's eight year history, but it now appears that it may have been one of our more fortunate moments, marking not an end, but a turning point in a new and exciting direction. At a time when it is estimated that over 1,000 private institutions will be forced to close for the same reasons that threatened Marymount (decrease in enrollment and severe financial pressures), the College has managed not only to survive but to develop and strengthen its assets by working out an affiliation with Wilmington College in New Castle, Delaware. The affiliation, in the nature of a consortium, allows the two small private colleges to pool their resources and capitalize on each other's strengths.

Wilmington College is a private, four-year, co-ed college founded in 1968. In its educational philosophy and objectives, it is very similar to Marymount. Both are committed to the total development of the individual student-intellectually, physically, socially, morally. Consequently, both share the belief that the essential quality in faculty members is their genuine concern for students and their dedication to students' personal growth. Both colleges have recognized the advantages of inter-institutional co-operation: Marymount in its dual enrollment plan and shared library privileges with Florida Atlantic University; Wilmington in its formal, State-approved affiliation with Salem Technical Institute in Penns Grove, N.J. Both colleges have sought diversity in the student body and



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have welcomed applicants of every race, creed, and nationality.

There are differences too. Most notably, Wilmington College, founded at a time when private colleges are in serious difficulty, already has an enrollment of 525 and is financially sound. Though both colleges are co-ed, Marymount remains predominantly female in enrollment while Wilmington is chiefly male. The affiliation is expected to create a better balance on both campuses. The locations and physical settings provide a complement for each other: Marymount almost idyllic in its tranquil Florida atmosphere and Wilmington caught up in the mainstream of activity within easy distance of

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SPRING SEMESTER OPENS WITH INCREASED ENROLLMENT

Marymount opened its second semester on January 31 with approximately fifty new full-time students. Among the "new faces" are twenty-one Wilmington students who are spending this semester on the Boca Raton campus. Some "old faces" are back too. Several alumni have returned to Marymount to work on a B.A. degree. Also admitted at the start of the semester were twelve transfer students and a number of adult students from the community.



PARENTS' WEEKEND

"A Weekend in Las Vegas" was the theme of this year's Parents' Weekend (Feb. 18-20). Activities included a performance by the Drama Club, a Fashion Show staged by the Merchandising students, informal meeting of parents and faculty, the President's Reception, Dinner Dance, and Mass on Sunday morning. A change in the weather prevented the Synchronized Swimmers from presenting their water ballet show, but all enjoyed the weekend—especially the many who seemed to "strike it rich" at Harold's Club!



DOLPHIN STARS VISIT CAMPUS

Miami Dolphin players Bob Griese and Carl Noonan have put in several appearances on campus during the past month to the delight of the students. On March 22, both addressed several hundred members of the Boca Raton Greater Chamber of Commerce breakfast here on campus. At that time, they outlined their plan to conduct a summer sports' camp for boys on the Marymount campus. The two outstanding athletes have been discussing with the college a proposal to utilize Marymount's facilities in June and July. They offer a full program in football, basketball, soccer, baseball and tennis and introduce the campers to a number of professional athletes. The addition of a football field, soccer field, and baseball diamond will enlarge Marymount's sports program and meet the needs of a steadily growing male enrollment. Pictured from left to right are: Peter Blum, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Bob Griese; Ray Osborne, Marymount's attorney; Dr. Ross; Carl Noonan; and F.C. Stewart, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber.

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ew York, Washington and Philadelphia.

The affiliation means that Marymount will continue to offer its fully-accredited two-year programs in liberal arts and business leading to the A.A. degree. But Marymount students will now have the option of remaining in Boca Raton for a third and fourth year of studies offered by Wilmington College leading to a B.A. or B.S. degree. In the liberal arts, Wilmington will offer the following majors: Behavioral Science, Communication Arts, and History/Government. Business majors will be offered in Accounting, Business Management, Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Management, Office Management, and Fashion Merchandising. All two-year programs automatically transfer into the four-year programs, and since the courses at the two colleges are interchangeable, students may spend a semester or more at the other campus. Several alumni have already returned to complete their education and many of the present sophomores have indicated a desire to continue.

Dr. Donald E. Ross, President of Wilmington College, now serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Marymount and is guiding the process of co-ordination between the two colleges. He has effected an administrative reorganization which clearly defines the authority and responsibilities of various departments and offices and ensures adequate communication on campus and between the two campuses. The administration of both campuses work closely together to co-ordinate certain shared functions such as admissions, academic programs, and calendar. All in all, the affiliation has revitalized Marymount and has opened the way for an exciting educational venture.

NEW YORK ALUMNI RECEPTION

On March 1, a Reception was held at the Biltmore Hotel in New York for alumnae and parents of past and current students. About seventy-five attended to meet with Dr. Ross and members of the Marymount and Wilmington administration. Sisters Madeleine, Regis and Richard Marie were on hand to welcome alumnae and discuss Marymount--past, present, and future. The College hopes to sponsor similar receptions in other areas during the coming year and would welcome the assistance of alumni and parents in organizing such get-togethers. Anyone interested should write or phone the Alumni Office.

EVENING PROGRAMS OFFERED

To serve the needs of the local community and to involve the residents of Boca Raton more actively in the college, an Evening Division was begun this Spring semester. Classes in Art, Psychology and Sociology are offered several nights a week. A Real Estate course leading to State licensing as a Real Estate Salesman has attracted the greatest number of registrants. The courses are open to Marymount students as well as to the public and carry full college credit.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Henri Aubry of Marymount's Art department is pictured with one of his works displayed during his successful "One-Man Show" on campus. The Drama Club is seen in a tense moment from their production of "Twelve Angry Jurors". They will present "Hello Dolly" in May. The noted lecturer Lisa Sergio visited the campus and spoke to classes. Other cultural activities included a performance by a classical guitarist, poetry readings by John Beecher, a concert by the Yale singing group, The Augmented Seven, and even a trip to DisneyWorld! In the next few weeks the college will present the thirteen-part film series of "Civilisation" by Kenneth Clark.



Dr. Ross is shown conducting some recent visitors on a tour of the campus: Mrs. Audrey Doberstein, Assistant to the President at Wilmington; Irene DuPont, a Trustee of Wilmington; Ray Osborne, former Attorney General for the State of Florida, who serves as counsel for Marymount.



CAMPUS HOSTS WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

When the students leave campus at vacation periods, the hallowed halls do not remain silent and deserted. Increasingly, the facilities are being used by local and national groups for conferences and workshops. In December, Marymount hosted the Conference of Jesuit Chaplains for three days. In January, the Newman Chaplains met for a week, bringing together some 300 chaplains from all over the world. During the Easter recess, high school guidance counselors came to the campus to get a first-hand knowledge of Marymount. Summer plans call for a sports camp to be conducted by Miami Dolphin teammates and several conferences by various groups.



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